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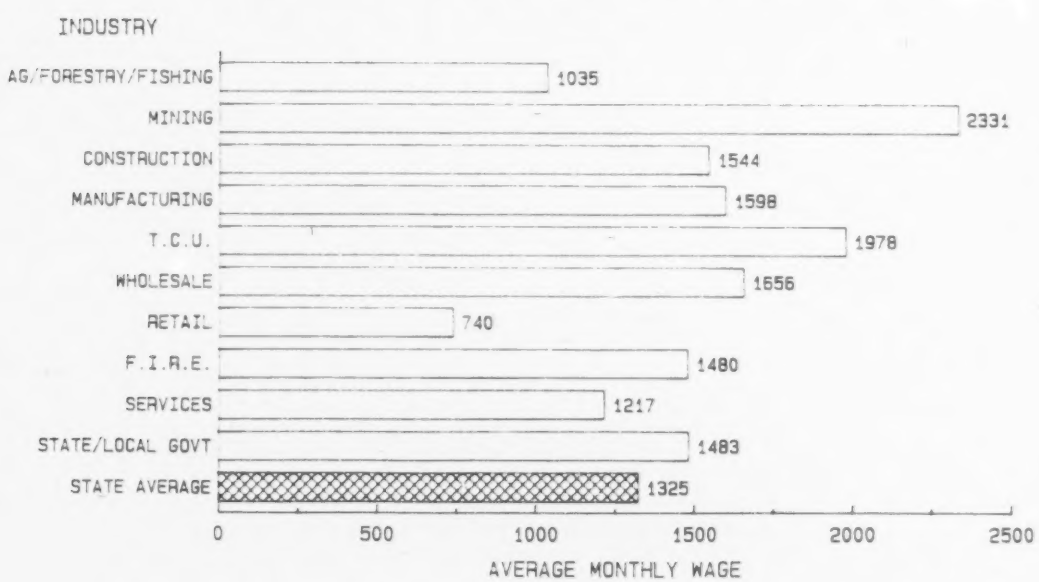

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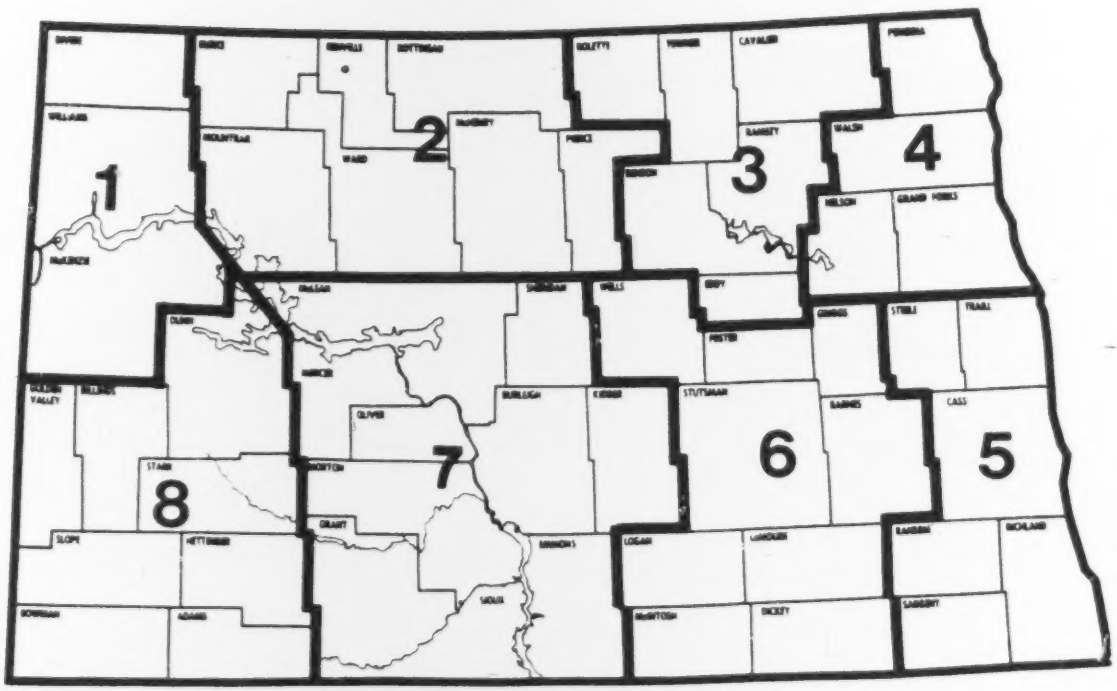

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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COVERED EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH DAKOTA - SECOND QUARTER 1987

Every three months over 19,000 North Dakota employers send a summary report of employment and wages to Job Service North Dakota. The workers employed by these firms are covered under the North Dakota unemployment insurance laws.

In the second quarter of 1987, the average number of workers covered under the state laws was 223,973. This is up sharply from the average of 215,558 in the first quarter of 1987. Increases in all industries, except government, contributed to the net gain of over 8,400. As expected, the major increases were in construction (+3,460) and retail trade (+2,030). The seasonal staffing in these two industries accounted for nearly two-thirds of the total gain. The services industry continues to grow with an addition of over 1,090 workers. Government was the only industry to register a decline and this was due to a reduction of staff at the educational facilities at both the state and local level.

Changes from one quarter to the next are influenced heavily by seasonal conditions. Therefore, a comparison with the data for the same period for prior years provides a better picture of the changes by industry. Employment increased by 1,030 between the second quarter 1986 and the second quarter 1987. Although this is a minor gain, it does indicate a positive trend. To illustrate the significance, this is the first time since the second quarter of 1984 that an over-the-year increase has been recorded. The services industry added 1,160 while retail trade rose by 390. While there were minor increases in some of the other industries, three recorded declines. Mining continues to decline (-660), due primarily to low prices and an abundant supply of crude petroleum at the international level. Wholesale trade, which is tied to the mining and agricultural sectors, was down 10. Government employment recorded a decrease of 370.

Total wages paid by employers to workers covered by unemployment insurance totaled $890.4 million in the second quarter of 1987. This is up from $844.4 million in the first quarter. Wage changes usually follow the change in employment. The percentage change in wages is usually slightly greater than the percentage increase in employment, as wages are raised to keep pace with inflation. Between the first and second quarters of 1987, employment rose by 3.9% while wages moved upward by 5.5%.

Total wages paid in the second quarter of 1986 were $869.7 million compared to $890.4 million in the second quarter 1987. Employment over the year rose by 0.5% while the wages increased by 2.4%. Three of the smaller industries--mining, construction, and transportation, communications, and utilities--did not follow this trend. The remaining industries, which accounted for over four-fifths of the gross wages paid in the quarter, had a greater percentage increase in wages than in employment.

The average monthly wage rose from $1,306 in the first quarter of 1987 to $1,325 in the second quarter. State and local government increased by $81 with the gain occurring entirely in the local government sector. Employment in schools dropped sharply in June; however, total wages rose for the quarter as contracts were completed, causing the average salary to rise sharply. The average in the finance, insurance and real estate industry dropped by $114 as bonuses paid in the first quarter inflated the monthly wage.

Compared to the second quarter of 1986, the average wage is up by $25. All industries except mining, construction and the combined industry of transportation, communications and utilities, recorded minor gains.

Monthly wages by industry have a wide variation. The average for all industries was $1,325 for the second quarter of 1987. Although employment and overall activity is down in the mining industry, those individuals that retain their jobs boast the highest earnings compared to the other industries. Their average of $2,331 per month is 75.9% greater than for all industries combined. On the other end of the scale is the retail trade industry where the average is only $740. The industry includes a large number of establishments that must keep a close watch on their staffing. As an example, fast food restaurants must have more workers during rush hours than during the slack periods. Other firms, such as department, specialty and variety stores, may use part-time employees during evening hours, on weekends, or during the holiday season. Students and others interested in part-time work are able to fill these jobs. Since little or no experience is required, most employers offer only the minimum wage. The combination of reduced hours and low wages results in a low average monthly wage for the workers in the retail trade industry.

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NORTH DAKOTA

(Rounded to Hundreds)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH OCT 1987	PREVIOUS MONTH SEPT 1987	ONE YEAR AGO OCT 1986	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH SEPT 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR OCT 1986
TOTAL	257,800	256,400	253,300	0.5%	1.8%
MINING	4,400	4,500	4,400	-2.2%	0.0%
COAL	1,100	1,100	1,200	0.0%	-8.3%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,800	2,800	2,700	0.0%	3.7%
OTHER MINING	500	600	500	-16.7%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	13,000	13,200	12,900	-1.5%	0.8%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3,200	3,200	3,400	0.0%	-5.9%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	3,900	4,000	3,900	-2.5%	0.0%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,900	6,000	5,600	-1.7%	5.4%
MANUFACTURING	16,100	16,500	16,100	-2.4%	0.0%
DURABLE GOODS	6,700	6,800	6,300	-1.5%	6.3%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	800	800	700	0.0%	14.3%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	3,900	4,000	3,600	-2.5%	8.3%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,400	9,700	9,800	-3.1%	-4.1%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,600	4,900	5,100	-6.1%	-9.8%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	700	800	800	-12.5%	-12.5%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	300	400	400	-25.0%	-25.0%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,500	1,600	1,700	-6.3%	-11.8%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,500	0.0%	-4.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,400	2,400	2,200	0.0%	9.1%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,500	16,400	15,900	0.6%	3.8%
TRANSPORTATION	8,500	8,400	7,900	1.2%	7.6%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	5,100	5,000	4,500	2.0%	13.3%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,400	3,400	3,400	0.0%	0.0%
COMMUNICATION	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	0.0%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
I N D U S T R I E S	OCT 1987	SEPT 1987	OCT 1986	SEPT 1987	OCT 1986
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,500	19,500	19,300	0.0%	1.0%
DURABLE GOODS	9,100	9,200	9,000	-1.1%	1.1%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,400	10,300	10,300	1.0%	1.0%
RETAIL TRADE	48,800	48,700	47,600	0.2%	2.5%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,500	6,300	6,200	3.2%	4.8%
FOOD STORES	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	0.0%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,700	6,700	6,600	0.0%	1.5%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,700	2,600	2,600	3.8%	3.8%
OTHER RETAIL	26,200	26,400	25,500	-0.8%	2.7%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,500	12,500	12,400	0.0%	0.8%
FINANCE	6,800	6,800	6,800	0.0%	0.0%
BANKING	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
INSURANCE	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	0.0%
REAL ESTATE	1,900	1,900	1,800	0.0%	5.6%
SERVICES	61,700	61,900	59,600	-0.3%	3.5%
LODGING	4,300	4,400	4,200	-2.3%	2.4%
HEALTH SERVICES	26,400	26,400	25,400	0.0%	3.9%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,500	19,500	18,800	0.0%	3.7%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	6,900	6,900	6,600	0.0%	4.5%
OTHER SERVICES	31,000	31,100	30,000	-0.3%	3.3%
GOVERNMENT	65,300	63,200	65,100	3.3%	0.3%
FEDERAL	10,100	10,200	10,000	-1.0%	1.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	20,100	18,400	20,300	9.2%	-1.0%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	13,100	11,200	13,300	17.0%	-1.5%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,000	7,200	7,000	-2.8%	0.0%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	35,100	34,600	34,800	1.4%	0.9%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	17,300	16,300	17,200	6.1%	0.6%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17,800	18,300	17,600	-2.7%	1.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	OCT 1987	SEPT 1987	OCT 1986	SEPT 1987	OCT 1986
TOTAL	72,300	70,400	70,700	2.7%	2.3%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	4,100	4,000	4,000	2.5%	2.5%
MANUFACTURING	5,000	5,200	5,100	-3.8%	-2.0%
DURABLE GOODS	2,200	2,200	2,000	0.0%	10.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,800	3,000	3,100	-6.7%	-9.7%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,400	4,300	4,300	2.3%	2.3%
TRADE	21,100	21,000	20,600	0.5%	2.4%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,400	6,400	6,400	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	14,700	14,600	14,200	0.7%	3.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,500	4,500	4,300	0.0%	4.7%
SERVICES	19,200	18,200	18,500	5.5%	3.8%
GOVERNMENT	14,000	13,200	13,900	6.1%	0.7%
FEDERAL	2,200	2,200	2,100	0.0%	4.8%
STATE & LOCAL	11,800	11,000	11,800	7.3%	0.0%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	30,300	29,300	29,500	3.4%	2.7%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,900	2,000	1,900	-5.0%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,600	1,500	0.0%	6.7%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,500	1,500	1,400	0.0%	7.1%
TRADE	8,300	8,300	8,100	0.0%	2.5%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	6,900	6,900	6,700	0.0%	3.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	6,600	6,500	6,300	1.5%	4.8%
GOVERNMENT	9,200	8,200	9,100	12.2%	1.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,900	37,100	36,400	-0.5%	1.4%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,700	1,800	1,700	-5.6%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,900	2,000	1,900	-5.0%	0.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	9,900	9,900	9,600	0.0%	3.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,200	2,200	-4.5%	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	7,800	7,700	7,400	1.3%	5.4%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,700	0.0%	-5.9%
SERVICES	10,500	10,500	10,300	0.0%	1.9%
GOVERNMENT	8,400	8,400	8,300	0.0%	1.2%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Oct 1987	Sept 1987	Oct 1986	Percent Change From Sept 1987	Percent Change From Oct 1986
All Items	328.4	345.3	344.4	330.5	0.3%	4.5%
Food & Beverage	311.8	326.9	326.4	315.6	0.2%	3.6%
Housing	360.2	375.2	375.4	363.0	-0.1%	3.4%
Apparel & Upkeep	207.8	226.3	222.2	213.2	1.8%	6.1%
Transportation	307.5	321.9	320.4	302.6	0.5%	6.4%
Medical Care	433.5	469.8	467.8	442.3	0.4%	6.2%
Entertainment	274.1	287.1	285.2	276.5	0.7%	3.8%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1986	Oct 1987	Sept 1987	Oct 1986	Percent Change From Sept 1987	Percent Change From Oct 1986
All Commodities	299.8	311.4	310.4	298.4	0.3%	4.4%
Farm Products & Processed Food and Feeds	252.0	258.7	260.0	254.8	-0.5%	1.5%
Industrial Commodities	312.1	324.9	323.3	309.6	0.5%	4.9%

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct 1987	Sept 1987	Oct 1986	Oct 1987	Sept 1987	Oct 1986	Oct 1987	Sept 1987	Oct 1986
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	409.77	406.41	395.60	41.1	40.6	40.7	9.97	10.01	9.72
Durable Goods	438.27	432.14	424.15	41.7	41.0	41.3	10.51	10.54	10.27
Nondurable Goods	371.16	373.46	358.40	40.3	40.2	40.0	9.21	9.29	8.96
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	332.28	329.64	319.45	39.0	38.6	39.1	8.52	8.54	8.17
Durable Goods	362.64	351.04	353.03	40.7	39.8	40.3	8.91	8.82	8.76
Nondurable Goods	311.09	316.09	299.14	37.8	37.9	38.4	8.23	8.34	7.79
Food & Kindred	312.23	326.76	311.22	37.8	38.9	39.9	8.26	8.40	7.80
Printing and Publishing	261.24	268.16	277.23	31.1	31.4	32.5	8.40	8.54	8.53
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	331.19	334.63	320.92	38.6	38.2	37.8	8.58	8.76	8.49
Durable Goods	345.86	346.21	340.49	39.8	38.9	38.3	8.69	8.90	8.89
Nondurable Goods	319.22	326.11	309.38	37.6	37.7	37.5	8.49	8.65	8.25

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Oct'87	Sept'87	Oct'86	Oct'87	Sept'87	Oct'86	10/87	9/87	10/86	10/87	9/87	10/86
Divide	1,481	1,646	1,624	1,428	1,591	1,559	53	55	65	3.6%	3.3%	4.0%
McKenzie	2,788	3,000	3,411	2,663	2,880	3,199	125	120	212	4.5%	4.0%	6.2%
Williams	10,118	10,633	12,561	9,530	9,909	10,986	588	724	1,575	5.8%	6.8%	12.5%
REGION 1	14,387	15,279	17,596	13,621	14,380	15,744	766	899	1,852	5.3%	5.9%	10.5%
Bottineau	3,648	3,884	3,712	3,485	3,739	3,510	163	145	202	4.5%	3.7%	5.4%
Burke	1,405	1,516	1,602	1,338	1,435	1,484	67	81	118	4.8%	5.3%	7.4%
McHenry	2,840	3,063	2,933	2,654	2,887	2,752	186	176	181	6.5%	5.7%	6.2%
Mountrail	3,309	3,558	3,610	3,117	3,362	3,305	192	196	305	5.8%	5.5%	8.4%
Pierce	2,460	2,700	2,657	2,393	2,620	2,578	67	80	79	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%
Renville	1,303	1,423	1,410	1,228	1,363	1,295	75	60	115	5.8%	4.2%	8.2%
Ward	24,873	25,177	25,134	23,929	24,253	23,868	944	924	1,266	3.8%	3.7%	5.0%
REGION 2	39,838	41,321	41,058	38,144	39,659	38,792	1,694	1,662	2,266	4.3%	4.0%	5.5%
Benson	3,177	3,432	3,466	3,002	3,237	3,267	175	195	199	5.5%	5.7%	5.7%
Cavalier	2,708	2,899	2,666	2,622	2,827	2,602	86	72	64	3.2%	2.5%	2.4%
Eddy	1,440	1,536	1,463	1,365	1,469	1,420	75	67	43	5.2%	4.4%	2.9%
Ramsey	6,469	6,622	6,290	6,283	6,413	6,088	186	209	202	2.9%	3.2%	3.2%
Rolette	5,054	4,956	5,272	4,383	4,432	4,723	671	524	549	13.3%	10.6%	10.4%
Towner	1,861	1,963	1,728	1,819	1,946	1,695	42	17	33	2.3%	0.9%	1.9%
REGION 3	20,709	21,408	20,885	19,474	20,324	19,795	1,235	1,084	1,090	6.0%	5.1%	5.2%
Grand Forks	35,482	34,871	35,160	34,370	33,946	34,190	1,112	925	970	3.1%	2.7%	2.8%
Nelson	2,041	2,210	2,079	1,988	2,159	2,030	53	51	49	2.6%	2.3%	2.4%
Pembina	5,571	5,644	5,550	5,246	5,389	5,246	325	255	304	5.8%	4.5%	5.5%
Walsh	8,203	8,662	8,606	7,949	8,416	8,331	254	246	275	3.1%	2.8%	3.2%
REGION 4	51,297	51,387	51,395	49,553	49,910	49,797	1,744	1,477	1,598	3.4%	2.9%	3.1%
Cass	57,940	57,183	57,293	56,249	55,798	55,814	1,691	1,385	1,479	2.9%	2.4%	2.6%
Ransom	2,754	2,947	2,793	2,674	2,851	2,744	80	96	49	2.9%	3.3%	1.8%
Richland	8,641	9,107	8,813	8,394	8,824	8,495	247	283	318	2.9%	3.1%	3.6%
Sargent	2,533	2,669	2,628	2,451	2,601	2,534	82	68	94	3.2%	2.5%	3.6%
Steele	1,203	1,367	1,177	1,181	1,334	1,143	22	33	34	1.8%	2.4%	2.9%
Traill	4,890	5,089	4,835	4,727	4,894	4,717	163	195	118	3.3%	3.8%	2.4%
REGION 5	77,961	78,362	77,539	75,676	76,302	75,447	2,285	2,060	2,092	2.9%	2.6%	2.7%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Oct 1987	Sept 1987	Oct 1986	Oct 1987	Sept 1987	Oct 1986	Oct 1987	Sept 1987	Oct 1986	Oct 1987	Sept 1987	Oct 1986
Barnes	6,111	6,414	6,026	6,001	6,304	5,902	110	110	124	1.8%	1.7%	2.1%
Dickey	3,347	3,595	3,422	3,221	3,500	3,346	126	95	76	3.8%	2.6%	2.2%
Foster	2,092	2,263	2,261	2,042	2,199	2,163	50	64	98	2.4%	2.8%	4.3%
Griggs	1,533	1,683	1,527	1,513	1,672	1,499	20	11	28	1.3%	0.7%	1.8%
La Moure	2,490	2,748	2,485	2,456	2,713	2,429	34	35	56	1.4%	1.3%	2.3%
Logan	1,531	1,684	1,561	1,507	1,670	1,493	24	14	68	1.6%	0.8%	4.4%
McIntosh	2,306	2,442	2,310	2,237	2,392	2,252	69	50	58	3.0%	2.0%	2.5%
Stutsman	11,961	12,412	12,340	11,654	12,124	11,847	307	288	493	2.6%	2.3%	4.0%
Wells	2,925	3,090	2,967	2,808	2,994	2,879	117	96	88	4.0%	3.1%	3.0%
REGION 6	34,296	36,331	34,899	33,439	35,568	33,810	857	763	1,089	2.5%	2.1%	3.1%
Burleigh	31,681	32,246	31,564	30,517	31,100	29,972	1,164	1,146	1,592	3.7%	3.6%	5.0%
Emmons	2,283	2,462	2,314	2,200	2,402	2,200	83	60	114	3.6%	2.4%	4.9%
Grant	2,047	2,300	2,033	1,957	2,201	1,957	90	99	76	4.4%	4.3%	3.7%
Kidder	1,594	1,794	1,646	1,541	1,726	1,548	53	68	98	3.3%	3.8%	6.0%
McLean	4,719	5,020	4,622	4,532	4,798	4,334	187	222	288	4.0%	4.4%	6.2%
Mercer	5,520	5,667	5,373	5,217	5,392	4,906	303	275	467	5.5%	4.9%	8.7%
Morton	11,757	11,957	11,728	11,361	11,577	11,158	396	380	570	3.4%	3.2%	4.9%
Oliver	1,133	1,158	1,360	1,098	1,120	1,297	35	38	63	3.1%	3.3%	4.6%
Sheridan	1,198	1,378	1,296	1,156	1,340	1,250	42	38	46	3.5%	2.8%	3.5%
Sioux	1,387	1,432	1,382	1,225	1,289	1,272	162	143	110	11.7%	10.0%	8.0%
REGION 7	63,319	65,414	63,318	60,804	62,945	59,894	2,515	2,469	3,424	4.0%	3.8%	5.4%
Adams	1,801	1,914	1,815	1,770	1,884	1,765	31	30	50	1.7%	1.6%	2.8%
Billings	770	755	718	752	743	700	18	12	18	2.3%	1.6%	2.5%
Bowman	2,108	2,267	2,197	2,060	2,212	2,059	48	55	138	2.3%	2.4%	6.3%
Dunn	1,787	2,034	1,885	1,658	1,888	1,780	129	146	105	7.2%	7.2%	5.6%
Gldn Valley	1,094	1,176	1,072	1,067	1,150	1,043	27	26	29	2.5%	2.2%	2.7%
Hettinger	1,902	2,100	2,089	1,844	2,058	1,978	58	42	111	3.0%	2.0%	5.3%
Slope	514	629	507	462	584	468	52	45	39	10.1%	7.2%	7.7%
Stark	11,190	11,598	11,844	10,738	11,099	10,825	452	499	1,019	4.0%	4.3%	8.6%
REGION 8	21,166	22,473	22,127	20,351	21,618	20,618	815	855	1,509	3.9%	3.8%	6.8%
STATE TOTAL	322,973	331,975	328,812	311,062	320,706	313,895	11,911	11,269	14,917	3.7%	3.4%	4.5%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	October 1987	September 1987	October 1986	Percent Change From September 1987	Percent Change From October 1986
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	122,102	121,604	120,163	0.4%	1.6%
Employment	114,928	114,515	111,941	0.4%	2.7%
Unemployment	7,174	7,089	8,222	1.2%	-12.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	5.8%	6.8%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	322,970	331,980	328,820	-2.7%	-1.8%
Employment	311,060	320,710	313,900	-3.0%	-0.9%
Unemployment	11,910	11,270	14,920	5.7%	-20.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.4%	4.5%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	83,660	82,740	82,730	1.1%	1.1%
Employment	81,180	80,520	80,570	0.8%	0.8%
Unemployment	2,480	2,220	2,160	11.7%	14.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	2.7%	2.6%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,480	34,880	35,160	1.7%	0.9%
Employment	34,370	33,950	34,190	1.2%	0.5%
Unemployment	1,110	930	970	19.4%	14.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	2.7%	2.8%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	43,440	44,210	43,290	-1.7%	0.3%
Employment	41,880	42,680	41,130	-1.9%	1.8%
Unemployment	1,560	1,530	2,160	2.0%	-27.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.5%	5.0%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

SEPTEMBER 1987
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	332.0	352.5	2,246.4	392.9
Employment	320.7	338.6	2,142.3	371.2
Unemployment	11.3	13.9	104.1	21.7
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.9%	4.6%	5.5%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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